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SUMMARY: ON AUG 7, GOJ ANNOUNCED NEW AMBASSADORIAL APPOINT-
MENTS TO AUSTRALIA, EGYPT, ARGENTINA AND MONGOLIA. AT SAME
TIME NAMED FOUR NEW MOFA BUREAU DIRECTORS. END SUMMARY.

1. ON AUG 7 GOJ ANNOUNCED FOUR NEW AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENTS.
KENZO YOSHIDA (CURRENT DIRECTOR GENERAL, ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU)
BECOMES AMB TO AUSTRALIA. TSUTOMU WADA (CURRENT DIRECTOR
GENERAL, PUBLIC INFORMATION BUREAU) BECOMES AMB TO EGYPT.
MASAYUKI HARIGAI (NOW AMB IN EL SALVADOR) BECOMES AMB TO
ARGENTINA. ITARU TSUGE (MINISTER IN INDONESIA) BECOMES AMB
TO MONGOLIA. BIODATA WILL BE FORWARDED CONCERNED POSTS BY
SEPTELS.

2. AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENTS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY ANNOUNCE-
MENT OF FOLLOWING KEY PERSONNEL CHANGES WITHIN MOFA:

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(A) MASUO TAKASHIMA (NOW DIRECTOR GENERAL, TREATIES BUR-

EAU) WILL SHIFT TO DIRECTOR GENERAL, ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU. TAKASHIMA, WHO PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS CONSUL GENERAL IN HONG KONG AND SYDNEY, REPUTED TO BE ESPECIALLY ABLE MAN. HIS ASSUMPTION OF DUTIES AS HEAD OF ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU SHOULD PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED STRENGTHENING TO TOP OF THAT BUREAU AND RESTORE IT TO TRADITIONAL PREEMINENCE WITHIN MOFA.

(B) MIZUNO KURODA (CURRENT DIRECTOR, RESEARCH AND PLANNING DEPT) WILL TAKE OVER AS DIRECTOR GENERAL, PUBLIC INFORMATION BUREAU. KURODA FORMERLY SERVED AS MINISTER TO U.S.

(C) NOBUO MATSUNAGA WILL MOVE UP FROM ASST DIRECTOR GENERAL TO BECOME DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TREATIES BUREAU, POST TRADITIONALLY HELD BY HIGHLY CAPABLE INCUMBENTS.

(D) FUMIHIKO SUZUKI (CONSUL GENERAL IN SYDNEY SINCE 1972) WILL BECOME DIRECTOR GENERAL, UN BUREAU.

(E) MASATADA TACHIBANA, CURRENTLY IN MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT, BECOMES DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND PLANNING DEPT.

3. IN ADDITION TO ANNOUNCED CHANGES, EMBASSY HAS LEARNED OF OTHER NEW ASSIGNMENTS EXPECTED IN NEAR FUTURE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO US:

(A) MITSUHIKO HAZUMI (HEAD, FIRST INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIV, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU) WILL BE POSTED TO WASHINGTON. HE SAYS DUTIES WILL BE IN CULTURAL EXCHANGE AREA AND, WE INFER, POSSIBLE WILL INVOLVE CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON AND SELECTION OF LEGISLATIVE PERSONNEL FOR GOJ-SPONSORED TRIPS TO JAPAN.

(B) HAZUMI, WHOSE DUTIES ARE PRIMARILY RELATED TO GATT, WILL BE REPLACED BY HIDETOSHI UKAWA (HEAD, SECOND NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION). UKAWA SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND IS WIDELY RECOGNIZED AS BRILLIANT OFFICER THOUGH SOMEWHAT BRUSQUE.

(C) KUNIHICO SAITO (NOW DEPUTY HEAD, TREATIES DIVISION, TREATIES BUREAU) WILL BE PROMOTED TO REPLACE UKAWA AS HEAD, SECOND NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION.

(D) YOSHIFUMI MATSUDA (HEAD, SECURITY DIV, AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU) WILL BE SENT TO LONDON FOR STUDY AT INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STRATEGIC STUDIES.

(E) SHINTARO YAMASHITA (NOW DEPUTY HEAD, POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIV, UN BUREAU) WILL BE PROMOTED TO REPLACE MATSUDA AS HEAD, SECURITY DIV.

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